

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the following paragraph [0050]:

The DPF 3 and the exhaust gas purifying catalyst 4 are accommodated in a single substantially cylindrical case or container 5 made of SUS which is good heat conductive material. A heat insulator is used for the outer surface of the container 5 if necessary, thereby to prevent heat release ~~[[form]]~~ from the outer surface.

Please substitute the following paragraph [0052]:

The entire inner wall surface of the container 5 is ~~contacted~~ in contact with the DPF 3 and the exhaust gas purifying catalyst 4 without intervening any heat insulator therebetween.